

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 615

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Margaret Walker, 2016  
class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Margaret Walker, who was recently recognized as one of the members of the 2016 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, presented by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee chapter selects thirty individuals for its class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Walker is the assistant curator at the Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery, which, through its collections, exhibitions, and programs, acts as a teaching resource across disciplines of the university and for the greater Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2015, she curated the exhibition *Forging Identity-Imagining the Enemy: American Propaganda and the Great War*, which made connections to Vanderbilt's and Nashvillians' roles in this conflict and partnered with the work of the Tennessee Great War Commission; and

WHEREAS, prior to her role at Vanderbilt, Ms. Walker worked as an art consultant with Stanford Fine Art, a Nashville gallery specializing in investment-quality nineteenth and twentieth century paintings; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker holds an A.B. in History from Princeton University and an M.Sc. in the History of Art, Theory, and Display from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland); prior to

graduate school, she taught Algebra I and II in the Memphis City Schools as a corps member with Teach For America; and

WHEREAS, she is a native of Franklin and a graduate of The Harpeth Hall School, where she co-chaired the Alumnae Art Show in 2015 and is a member of the Head's Young Alumnae Council; and

WHEREAS, passionate about education, the arts, and history, Margaret Walker is a volunteer with Preston Taylor Ministries and serves on the Rising Leaders Board for Teach For America, Nashville; she has served as a young alumnae chair and also with the Bal d'Hiver communications committee for the Nashville alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker gives lifelong learning presentations on arts-related topics to various local historical societies; a lifelong dancer, she organizes a Scottish highland dancing competition at the downtown public library each spring; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Walker expresses her faith as an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the individuals of the 2016 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Margaret Walker on being named a member of the 2016 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.